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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION: Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, the paragraph beginning on line 6 has been amended as follows:

As is best seen in Figs. 2-4, the gasket 30 configured in accordance with the present invention, is initially a separate piece from the end cap 20 and is snapped into engagement therewith. The gasket 30 is preferably made of a foamed material or sponge rubber material having a durometer in a range of 8-20. Considering Figs. 2-4 in combination with Fig. 1, the gasket 30 has a radially extending lip 60 having first surface 62 which seals with the wall 38 (see Fig. 1) and a second surface 64 which seals with the end cap 20. Extending from the radially extending lip 60 is an axially extending body portion 66 which projects into the opening 67 defined by the end cap 20. The axially projecting body portion